to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 131 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th December, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the pending transfer case has since been disposed of;

(b) if so, when the management of the Bureau of Indian Standards conveyed its decision to the incumbent concerned;

(c) whether it is a fact that said case had been pending for a long time; and

(d) if so, the date on which the said request was made in the first instance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes. Several such other requests are also pending and it is difficult for BIS management to accommodate all such requests for posting at BIS Headquarters, New Delhi, as generally requests for transfer are considered after the officer has spent atleast three years at the place of his posting.

(d) The said request was made on 3rd July, 1989.

Modernisation of vegetable oil Industry

1154. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any specific action plans from the Solvent Extractors' Association of India and ASSOCHAM for augmenting the production of vegetable oils from non-conventional resources or modernisation of vegetable oil industry and for exports of deoiled meals, feeds and fats;

(b) if so, when were the proposals received;

(c) what are the main features of the proposals;

(d) what action have been taken by Government thereon so far: and

(e) if no action has been taken so far; the reasons therefor and what action are proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals were received in Febtuary-March, 1990.

(c) The main suggestions contained in the proposals are modernisation of huller rice mills, withdrawal of levy on rice mills, direct fiscal incentives to the ric milling industry and refined oil manufacturers, raising the ceiling from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 per MT for use of non-conventional oils in the manufacture of vanaspati, declaration of long-term i.e. 3-5 years export policy, removal of ceiling on export of deoiled rice bran, improvement of shipping facilities etc.

(d) Government has already undertaken a programme of modernisation/modification of huller rice mills through State Governments and through CSIR, fiscal incentives in the form of excise rebate have been extended to include sal fat, all refined oils (except refined expeller groundnut oil) have been fully exempted from excise duty, export policy has been liberalised in respect of a number of items. Customs duty concessions has also been allowed in respect of certain equipments considered necessary for modernisation of the industry.

This Department is also having periodic meetings with the Industry for the purpose of rationalised development of the vegetable oil industry.

(e) Does not arise

Uniform Rent Control Act

1155. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the States have different sets of Rent Control Laws creating a diversity in its operation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring uniform Central Act on Rent Control and propose to repeal the present Rent Control Acts;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, in what manner Government propose to protect the interest of landlords and tenants both?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Government do not propose to bring out any uniform Central legislation on rent control. Rent control is a State subject and states are fully competent to enact legislations to control various aspects of rental housing.